

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A gaming device, such as a slot machine, determines a balance and a "dispensed amount" that is less than the balance. The dispensed amount may be determined  
5 by, for example, receiving signals from one or more key presses that specify the dispensed amount. Alternatively, the dispensed amount may be determined in accordance with one or more "balance management rules". The gaming device in turn dispenses the dispensed amount, for example, by dispensing an amount of currency, transferring the dispensed amount to an account or adjusting a balance of a remote gaming device. The balance is  
10 adjusted by the dispensed amount, and this adjusted balance is available for initiating a subsequent play of the gaming device.